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Streamlined International Applications Accepted For Filing

Section 214 Applications (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.18, 63.24); Section 310(b) Petitions (47 C.F.R. § 1.5000)

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The international Section 214 applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. These applications are for authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), to transfer control of an authorized carrier or to assign a carrier's existing authorization; and/or (b) to become a facilities-based international common carrier; and/or (c) to become a resale-based international common carrier.

Pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, these Section 214 applications will be granted 14 days after the date of this public notice (see 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 regarding computation of time), and the applicant may commence operations on the 15th day, unless the Commission has informed the applicant in writing, within 14 days after the date of this public notice, that the application, on further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing. Pursuant to Section 1.1910(b)(2) of the rules, action will be withheld on any application by any entity found to be delinquent in its debts to the Commission. Applicants should check the Red Light Display System's website at www.fcc.gov/redlight to determine if they are delinquent in a debt to the Commission and for information on how to pay the debt.

Communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. An application can be removed from streamlined processing only in the sound discretion of Commission staff. The filing of comments or a petition to deny will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

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We request that comments on any of these applications refer to the application file number shown below.

Transfer of Control

Current Licensee: Tularosa Communications, Inc.

FROM: Elizabeth Silkwood

TO: Kristann Mattes

An application has been filed for consent to the transfer of control of Tularosa Communications, Inc. (TCI), a New Mexico corporation that holds an international section 214 authorization (ITC-214-20000824-00503), from Elizabeth Luanne Silkwood (Ms. Silkwood) to Kristann S. Mattes (Ms. Mattes). TCI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. (TBTC), a New Mexico corporation. TBTC is 50% owned by Stageline Communications, Inc. (Stageline), a California corporation, and 50% by Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Dell), a Texas corporation, with each having negative control of TBTC and consequently negative control of TCI. Stageline is wholly owned by Ponderosa Communications, Inc. (PCI), a California corporation. Dell is a rural telephone cooperative and none of the member-customers of Dell directly or indirectly hold or control 10% or greater equity or voting interests in Dell.

Ms. Silkwood had de facto control of PCI and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and thus negative control of TCI, at the time of her death on December 22, 2021. She controlled 61.81% of PCI's shares through (1) her direct ownership of 29.44% of PCI shares; (2) her role as trustee or co-trustee of family trusts that held another 29.57% of PCI shares; and (3) her 50% control of Silkwood Ventures, LLC which controls 2.80% of PCI shares.

Ms. Mattes, a U.S. citizen and sole surviving child of Ms. Silkwood, was appointed as the executrix of Ms. Silkwood's estate and as successor to Ms. Silkwood as trustee of several family trusts organized in California. As executrix Ms. Mattes has de facto control of PCI and negative control of TCI through: (1) her direct ownership of 4.98% of PCI shares; (2) her control as executrix of the 29.44% of PCI shares held in Ms. Silkwood's estate; (3) her control as trustee of the 23.52% of PCI shares held by family trusts for which she succeeds Ms. Silkwood as trustee; and, (4) her control as co-trustee of a trust that contains the membership interests of a limited liability company that owns 2.80% of PCI shares. Thus, Ms. Mattes will own directly or control as executrix or trustee a total of 60.74% of the PCI shares.

According to the Applicants, after the probate of Ms. Silkwood's estate is completed and the PCI shares are distributed in accordance with the terms of the applicable will provisions and trust documents, Ms. Mattes, as the primary beneficiary of Ms. Silkwood's will and the various family trusts, will own more than 50.1% of the voting shares of PCI and her de facto control of PCI will evolve into de jure control of PCI and negative control of TCI. Specifically, (1) Ms. Mattes will continue to directly own 4.98% of PCI shares; (2) the 15.72% of PCI shares held by the Else B. Bigelow-Jesse E. Bigelow Trust will be distributed outright to Ms. Mattes; (3) she will be the sole owner of Silkwood Ventures, LLC which holds 2.8% of PCI shares; (4) the 29.44% of PCI shares formerly held by Ms. Silkwood will either be distributed outright to Ms. Mattes or will be placed in the Kristann Silkwood Mattes GST Trust (GST Trust) for which Ms. Mattes and Matthew C. Wagner, both U.S. citizens, will be co-trustees; (5) the 6.05% of PCI shares held by the Jesse E. Bigelow Residual Trust will either be distributed outright to Ms. Mattes or will be placed in the GST Trust; and (6) the 7.8% of PCI shares held by The Robert L. Silkwood Trusts may be distributed outright to Ms. Mattes, or subject to a qualified disclaimer to her children Robert J. Mattes and Shyann E. Mattes. Applicants further state that Franklin E. Bigelow and Mary Costales, both U.S. citizens, each directly hold 2.02% of the PCI shares and are the trustee or co-trustees of fifteen separate family trusts that hold a cumulative 24.20% of the PCI shares. According to the Applicants, no other individual or entity will hold a direct or indirect 10% or greater equity or voting interest in PCI or TCI.

REMINDERS:

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-.2003.